



Lab transitions employee giving campaigns

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I Give Because...

2014 Employee Giving Campaign

During the past seven years contributions to the Lab's annual employee giving campaign have risen by 370 percent and hopes to surpass the \$3.1 million amount collected last year. As in past years, that amount includes a \$1 million dollar match from the Lab's manager, Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS). The funds support nonprofits within the region and beyond with hundreds of them benefiting from the employee and contractor contributions.

Kickoff held October 30 To really get this year's efforts off to a good start, the Lab held a "Cruis'n to Campaign" car show on October 30 at its main Technical Area. The festivities were not only open to the public but anyone interested in displaying their cars and motorcycles could attend. There was fun for all who joined in, along with an opportunity to meet a United Way representative and partake of food catered by ARAMARK and funded by LANS.

The Lab readies for holiday drives Every year, Laboratory employees help fulfill the holiday wishes of children and seniors in Northern New Mexico communities. In 2012, they helped more than 1,030 Northern New Mexico children, senior citizens and families have a brighter holiday season. This year the Lab will continue its annual "Season

of Giving” with a holiday food drive and gift collection. The goal of the food drive this year is to distribute boxes of non-perishable food items along with 350 turkeys through its yearly “Take a Turkey to Work” day. The Lab will partner with several community organizations this year, working to support their relief efforts across the region. The gift drive, in turn, will benefit numerous organizations in Northern New Mexico including branches of the state’s Children, Youth and Families Department, protective service organizations, area non-profits and others.

Results of this year’s Backpack ChallengeThis year’s drive to collect school supplies for children in the region who needed them garnered 750 backpacks full of supplies. The needed notebooks, glue sticks, rulers and other necessities went to 14 school districts in seven counties within Northern New Mexico including to several tribal schools. A goal of 700 backpacks was set in honor of the Lab’s 70th anniversary this year and was even exceeded.

Other organizations working to make this drive a success this year were Del Norte Credit Union; Cray Computer, Inc.; SAV Associates, LLC; the Regional Development Corporation; and CNSI. Staples office supply in Santa Fe also added to the drive’s success by contributing discounted items to help complete the supply lists.

For more information on any of these efforts, contact the Lab’s Community Programs Office at (505) 665-4400.

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